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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of SCOUTEN et al)
Serial No. 10/036,231) Examiner:
Filed December 24, 2001) Group Art Unit:

Title: STEREOTAXIC MANIPULATOR WITH RETROFITTED LINEAR SCALES
AND DIGITAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified
application be given "special" status, to allow expedited
examination.

This request is based on infringing manufacture of the
patent-pending device by a competing company. Sales of the device
have been extremely good since it was announced, and the
Applicant's contacts within the industry have clearly indicated
that at least one competing company is moving as quickly as
possible to manufacture and sell a copy-cat product. The apparent
goal of the competing company is to sell as many copies as
possible before a patent is issued to Applicant.

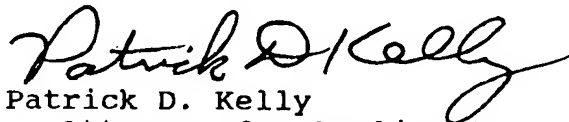
The Applicant and undersigned attorney hereby assure the PTO

that they will cooperate in every manner possible with expedited examination, and an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted today. The only items cited in that Information Disclosure Statement are (i) US patent 6,258,103 (Saracione 2001), and (ii) a sales brochure which lists and illustrates various stereotaxic holder devices that are commercially available from Cartesian Research Inc. (Sandy, Oregon).

The PTO is hereby authorized and requested to deduct the petition fee of \$130 from the undersigned attorney's deposit account, 50-1007.

If any questions arise, please call the undersigned attorney at 314-822-8558.

Respectfully submitted,



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